

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0003] as shown below:

[0003] The present invention relates to a path and/or position measuring device according to the precharacterizing clause of patent claim 1.

Please amend paragraph [0004] as shown below:

[0004] Such path and/or position measuring devices are used in domestic appliances. For example, in a washing machine, the path measuring device can ~~serve for detecting~~ detect the loading of the laundry drum and the position measuring device can ~~serve for detecting~~ detect the vibrational behavior of the laundry drum.

Please amend the section heading on page 7, line 1 as shown below:

Detailed Description of the DrawingsInvention

Please amend paragraph [0032] as shown below:

[0032] The path and/or position measuring device 1 is articulated on the one hand on the drum of the washing machine, the laundry dryer or the like and on the other hand on its frame. The ball joint 17 serves for the articulation on the drum. The ball joint 17 comprises a ball 19, which is fastened to the push rod 4, and also a ball socket 20, in which the ball 19 is mounted. The ball socket 20 is located on a fastening plate 21, which in turn is fastened to the drum as a movable part, in order in this way to transfer the movements of the drum to the push rod 4. A ball joint 18 likewise serves for the articulation on the housing 11, the ball 19 being arranged on the housing 11 and the ball joint 20 being arranged on the fastening plate 22. The fastening plate 22 is in turn arranged on the frame as a fixed part of the washing machine, the laundry dryer or the like. Fig. 5 schematically depicts an arrangement as described above, i.e., in which the movable part 4 of the device is articulated on the one hand on a drum 51 of a washing machine 52 and on the other hand on a fixed part 53 of the washing machine 52.